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LEXICOGRAPHICAL ORDER, RANGE OF INTEGRALS AND "BANG-BANG" PRINCIPLE

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INTRODUCTION. Let J denote a compact interval, say $[0,1]$, E -- an Euclidean n -space, M -- the space of Lebesgue measurable functions of I into E . For any $u, v \in M$ the equality $u = v$ will mean $u(t) = v(t)$ almost everywhere (a.e.) in J . The topology in M will be that given by the convergence in measure.

The purpose of this paper is to study in detail the range of integrals of a subset $K \subset M$ which satisfies the following three conditions

(i) K is closed in M with respect to convergence in measure

(ii) $|\int_J u(\tau) d\tau| \leq m$ for each $u \in K$

(iii) If $u, v \in K$, $0 < t_1 < 1$, and $w(t) = u(t)$ if $0 \leq t < t_1$ and $v(t)$ if $t_1 \leq t \leq 1$, then $w \in K$.

The motivation to study the range of integrals of such a class K comes from linear control theory. Indeed let us consider the system of the form

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + f(t, u(t)), \quad (S)$$

where the function f satisfies the well know Caratheodory

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conditions. Take as admissible control functions the class of Lebesgue measurable $u: I \rightarrow U$, where U is a compact subset of an m -dimensional space. Any solution of (S) can be represented in the form $x(t) = X(t)(x_0 + \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau)$, where $X(t)$ is the fundamental matrix solution of the corresponding homogeneous system, x_0 is the initial value for $t = 0$ and $v(t) = X^{-1}(t)f(t, u(t))$. It is easy to verify that the class

$$L = \{v: v(t) = X^{-1}(t)f(t, u(t)), u \text{ -- admissible}\}$$

satisfies conditions (i), (ii), and (iii). A basic result for the existence of a time-optimal solution for (S) is that the so-called attainable set

$$\Omega(t) = \{x: X(t)(x_0 + \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau), v \in L\}$$

is convex, compact and continuous in t . Up to a linear transformation and a translation this set is seen to be the range of integrals over L . This result among others will be proved here but probably more interesting is an extension of LaSalle's "bang-bang" principle. Roughly speaking the "bang-bang" principle as stated by LaSalle (2) says that in general one can restrict the range U of admissible controls to a subset U_0 without restricting the attainable set. In LaSalle's case f was linear in u , U was a compact cube and he proved U_0 to be the set of vertices of U . Later this result has been extended by several authors, cf. for example (1), (3), (4). Our extension of the "bang-bang" principle is Theorem 1 and states that there is a smallest subclass K_0 of K satisfying (iii) but not necessarily (i) such that the range of integrals over K_0 is the same as over K . In LaSalle's case the restricted class of "bang-bang" controls satisfies (i), too.

The results presented here generalize those recently published by the author in (5). In (5) the class K was given by $\{v \in M: v(t) \in G(t)\}$ where G is a measurable map [cf. (6)] of T into the space of compact subsets of E . In the situation concerning system (S) discussed above the set-valued map is given by $\{X^{-1}(t)f(t, u): u \in U\}$.

There is a close connection between our results and the Liapunov theorem on the range of non-atomic vector valued measures. For details we refer the reader to (5).

The following notations will be used. By (x, y) , $x, y \in E$, we denote the scalar product of x and y , by $|x|$ the Euclidean norm of $x \in E$. Thus $|u|$ and (u, v) if $u, v \in M$ will stand for the function taking $t \rightarrow |u(t)|$ and

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and $t \rightarrow (u(t), v(t))$, respectively. By I and I_t we denote the integral operator \int_J and \int_0^t respectively. Thus $I(u) = \int_J u(\tau) d\tau$ and $I(K) = \{I(u) : u \in K\}$.

LEXICOGRAPHICAL ORDER IN E AND IN M . Let $x, y \in E$ and let $\{x_i\}, \{y_i\}$ denote the coordinates of x and y respectively with respect to a fixed coordinate system in E . We will write

$$x \leq y \text{ iff } x_i = y_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k \text{ and if } k < n \text{ then } x_{k+1} < y_{k+1}. \quad (1)$$

In particular, k may be equal 0. The relation (1) is the so-called lexicographical order in E and it is easy to see that it is a linear order. If $n = 1$, then (1) is the natural order for reals. If, in (1), $k < n$ then we will use " $<$ " instead of " \leq ". Since the order is linear, any finite subsets of E admits a unique maximum with respect to (1). Thus we have

$$\text{lex.max}_{1 \leq i \leq s} \{x^i\} = x^j \text{ iff } x^i \leq x^j \text{ for } i=1, \dots, s \quad (2)$$

If, $u, v \in M$ then we will write

$$u \leq v \text{ iff } u(t) \leq v(t) \text{ a.e. in } J \quad (3)$$

and refer to (3) as the lexicographical order in M . The order " \leq " in M is no longer linear but is a lattice, since for any finite set $\{u^i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq s$ of M the lex. sup exists and we have

$$v = \text{lex sup}_{1 \leq i \leq s} \{u^i\} \text{ iff } v(t) = \text{lex.max}_{1 \leq i \leq s} \{u^i(t)\}. \quad (4)$$

We note the following obvious propositions.

Proposition 1. If $u, v \in M$ are integrable and $u \leq v$ then $I(u) \leq I(v)$.

Proposition 2. If $u \leq v$ and $I(u) = I(v)$ then $u = v$.

Proposition 3. If $u, v \in M$ are integrable, $w = \text{lex.sup}\{u, v\}$, $I(u) = p = (p_i)$, $I(v) = q = (q_i)$, $I(w) = r = (r_i)$, $i=1, \dots, n$, and if $r_i = q_i = p_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k \leq n$, then $u_i = v_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$, where $u_i(t), v_i(t)$ are coordinates of $u(t)$ and $v(t)$ respectively.

Notice that the lexicographical order in E or M depends on the coordinate system in E . Thus if $\xi = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$,

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$x^1 \in E$, is a basis in E then by " \leq_ξ " we will denote the lexicographical order corresponding to ξ . In the sequel we restrict ourselves to the orthonormal bases in E . Thus we will be interested in the set

$$\Xi = \{\xi: \xi = (x^1, \dots, x^n), (x^i, x^j) = \delta_{ij}, i, j=1, \dots, n\};$$

where $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i=j$ and 0 otherwise.

Let $A \subset E$ be compact, then to each $\xi \in \Xi$ there is a unique point denoted by $e(A, \xi)$ of A , which is the lexicographical maximum of A with respect to " \leq_ξ ", and is determined by the conditions: $e(A, \xi) \in A$ and $x \leq_\xi e(A, \xi)$ for each $x \in A$. The next proposition can be found in (7) in a slightly different form but for completeness we include here a detailed proof.

Proposition 4. Let $A \subset E$ be compact, then the set

$$B = \bigcap_{\xi \in \Xi} \{x: x \leq_\xi e(A, \xi)\} \quad (5)$$

is the convex hull of A . Moreover, the set

$$D = \{e(A, \xi): \xi \in \Xi\} \quad (6)$$

is the profile of \tilde{B} of B ; that is, the set of extreme points of B .

Proof. Let $C \subset E$ be convex and let $p \notin C$. Then there is a $\xi \in \Xi$ such that

$$x <_\xi p \text{ for each } x \in C. \quad (7)$$

If $n = 1$ then (7) is obvious. For n arbitrary there is an $a \in E$, $|a| = 1$ such that $(p, a) \geq (x, a)$ for each $x \in C$. If $(p, a) > (x, a)$ for each $x \in C$, then (7) holds for any $\xi = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \Xi$ if $x^1 = a$. If $(p, a) = (x, a)$ for some $x \in C$ then the set $C_1 = C \cap \{x: (x, a) = (p, a)\}$ is non-empty, convex and of dimension $n-1$ at the most, and p does not belong to C_1 but does belong to the hyperplane containing C_1 . Thus we have the same situation but in a smaller dimension. Therefore an easy induction argument completes the proof of (7). Let C be now the convex hull of D given by (6). It follows from (7) that if $p \notin C$ then $p \notin B$ given by (5). Hence $B \subset C$. But B is convex and $DC \subset B$. Therefore C as the convex hull of D is contained in B . Hence $C = B$ and B given by (5) is the convex hull of E and since $D \subset A \subset B$, B is the convex hull of A as well. In particular B is compact. To end the proof, let us

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recall that a point $b \in B$ is an extreme point of B if and only if $B \setminus \{b\}$ is convex. Let $b = e(A, \xi) \in D$. By (5), $B \setminus \{b\} = B \cap \{x: x <_{\xi} e(A, \xi)\}$. Manifestly the latter set is convex for each $\xi \in \Xi$ and we conclude that $D \subset \bar{B}$. Suppose now that $b \in \bar{B}$. Then $B \setminus \{b\}$ is convex and by (7) there is a $\xi \in \Xi$ such that $x <_{\xi} b$ for each $x \in B \setminus \{b\}$. Hence $b = e(B, \xi)$. It is easy to see by (5) that $e(A, \xi) = e(B, \xi)$ for each $\xi \in \Xi$. Therefore $b \in D$ and in consequence $\bar{B} \subset D$ which completes the proof.

PRELIMINARY LEMMAS. In this section we will always assume that the class K satisfies conditions (i), (ii) and (iii). A coordinate system in E is fixed.

LEMMA 1. Let $\{A_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq k$ be a decomposition of J into k disjoint measurable subsets. Let $\{u^i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \subset K$. Put $u(t) = u^i(t)$ if $t \in A_i$. Then $u \in K$.

Proof. Since A_i can be approximated arbitrarily closely by disjoint unions of intervals, therefore by (iii) u can be approximated by a sequence $\{u^i\} \subset K$ converging to u in measure. Thus (i) completes the proof.

LEMMA 2. The lexicographical order on K is a lattice; that is if $u^i \in K$ for $i=1, \dots, k$ then so does $v = \text{lex. sup}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{u^i\}$.

Proof. By (4), $v(t) = u^i(t)$ if $t \in A_i \{t: u^i(t) = \text{lex. max}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{u^i(t)\}, u^j(t) < u^i(t) \text{ if } j < i\}$. It is easy to see that these A_i satisfy the assumptions of Lemma 1. Hence the latter finishes the proof.

LEMMA 3. Let $u^i = (u_1^i, \dots, u_n^i) \in K$ for $i=1, 2, \dots$. Assume that $u_j^i \rightarrow u_j^0$ a.e. in J if $j=1, \dots, k-1, 1 \leq k \leq n$ and put $u_k^0 = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sup u_k^i$. Then there is a $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in K$ such that $v_j = u_j^0$ if $j=1, \dots, k$.

Proof. Take an $\varepsilon > 0$. There exist i_0 , sets $F, G \subset J$, $\mu(F) < \varepsilon$, $\mu(G) < \varepsilon$ and an integer p such that

$$|u_j^i(t) - u_j^0(t)| < \varepsilon \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq k-1, i \geq i_0 \text{ and } t \in J \setminus F \quad (8)$$

and

$$\min_{i_0 \leq i \leq i_0 + p} |u_k^i(t) - u_k^0(t)| < \varepsilon \text{ if } t \in J \setminus G. \quad (9)$$

Put $A_s = \{t: |u^{i_0+s}(t) - u_k^0(t)| < \varepsilon \text{ and } |u_k^{i_0+r}(t) - u_k^0(t)| \geq \varepsilon \text{ for } r < s\}$, $s = 0, 1, \dots, p$. Clearly the A_s are measurable

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and disjoint and, by (9), $U_{s=0}^T A_s \supset J \setminus G$. Define $v(t) = u_{0+s}^i(t)$ if $t \in A_s$, $s = 0, 1, \dots, p$ and $v(t) = u(t)$ if $t \in J \setminus U_{s=0}^T A_s$, where $u \in K$. By Lemma 1, $v \in K$ and by (8) and (9) we get

$$|v_j(t) - u_j^0(t)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{if } t \in J \setminus (F \cup G), \quad 1 \leq j \leq k. \quad (10)$$

Ineq. (10) shows that a sequence $v^i \in K$ can be defined such that $v_j^i \rightarrow u_j^0$ a.e. in J for $j=1, \dots, k$. If $k=n$ then the last statement and (i) proves Lemma 3. If $k < n$, then it proves that $\{v^i\}$ satisfies assumptions of Lemma 3 for k increased by 1. Hence the proof can be completed by induction.

COROLLARY 1. Let S be a linear subspace of E and denote by K_S the class of functions of J into S obtained by the orthogonal projection of elements of K into S . Then K_S satisfies (i), (ii) and (iii).

Proof. Conditions (ii) and (iii) obviously hold for K_S , while condition (i) follows from Lemma 3.

COROLLARY 2. There is an integrable $m: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $|u(t)| \leq m(t)$ a.e. in J for each $u \in K$.

Proof. By Corollary 1 $K_i = \{u_i: (u_1, \dots, u_i, v, \dots, u_n) \in K\}$ satisfies (i) (ii) and (iii) for each $i=1, \dots, n$. By (ii) $\alpha_i = \sup_{v \in K_i} I(v) < +\infty$. Let $\{v^j\} \subset K_i$ be such that

$I(v^j) \rightarrow \alpha_i$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. By Lemma 2 without any loss of generality we may assume that $\{v^j\}$ is non-decreasing. Thus there exists $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} v^j = \psi_i$ and by (i) $\psi_i \in K_i$. Therefore $I(v^j) \leq I(\psi_i) \leq \alpha$ and as a consequence $I(\psi_i) = \alpha$. Now for any $v \in K_i$, $I(\sup\{v, \psi_i\}) = \alpha$ and Proposition 2 implies that $u \leq \psi_i$ for each $v \in K_i$. Similarly one can prove that there is $\phi_i \in K_i$ such that $\phi_i \leq v$ for each $v \in K$. Since i is arbitrary we get Corollary 2 by putting $m(t) = \max(|\psi(t)|, |\phi(t)|)$, where $\psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)$ and $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$.

Now we will prove the main lemma.

LEMMA 4. Suppose $\{u^i\} \subset K$ and assume that $I(u^i) \rightarrow p$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$. Then there is $v \in K$ such that

$$p \leq I(v). \quad (11)$$

Proof. Suppose that u_j^i converges in the L_1 norm for $j=1, \dots, k-1$ to u_j^0 but does not converge if $j=k$. Such a k exists, since k may be equal 1. It follows that

$$I(u_j^i) \rightarrow I(u_j^0) = p_j \quad \text{if } j = 1, \dots, k-1 \quad (12)$$

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If $k-1 = n$ then (12) completes the proof of (11). If $k \leq n$ then for $j=k$ there is an $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for each i_0 there are $s \geq i_0$ and $r \geq i_0$ with $I(|u_k^s - u_k^r|) \geq \varepsilon_0$. Without any loss of generality we may assume that $u_j^i \rightarrow u_j^0$ a.e. in J as $i \rightarrow \infty$. Let us choose i_0 such that $|I(u_k^i) - p_k| < \varepsilon_0/4$ if $i \geq i_0$, where p_k is k -th coordinate of p . By these inequalities $I(\sup(u_k^s, u_k^r)) - p_k > \varepsilon_0/4$. Put $u_k^0(t) = \limsup_i u_k^i(t)$ and $v^i = \sup_{m \geq i} \{u_k^m\}$. Then we see that v^i is non-increasing, $v^i \rightarrow u_k^0$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$ and by the last inequality $I(v^i) \geq p_k + \varepsilon_0/4$ if $i \geq i_0$. Since by Corollary 2 the v^i are bounded by an integrable function, Lebesgue theorem implies that

$$I(v^i) \rightarrow I(u_k^0) \geq p_k + \varepsilon_0/4 > 0 \quad (13)$$

It follows from Lemma 3 that there is $v \in (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in K$ such that $v_j = u_j^0$ if $j=1, \dots, k$ and for this v (12) and (13) imply (11) which was to be proved.

PRINCIPAL RESULTS. Again we assume throughout this section that K satisfies conditions (i), (ii) and (iii). By $e(K, \xi)$ we denote the maximal element of K with respect to " \leq_ξ ", $\xi \in \Xi$. By Lemma 2 if $e(K, \xi)$ exists then it is uniquely defined up to a set of measure zero. We will call $e(K, \xi)$ an extremal element of K . The set of extremal elements of K will be denoted by $E(K)$, then $E(K) = \{e(K, \xi) : \xi \in \Xi\}$.

THEOREM 1. For each $\xi \in \Xi$ there exists an extremal element $e(K, \xi)$ of K corresponding to ξ and

$$I(e(K, \xi)) = e(\overline{I(K)}, \xi) = e(I(K), \xi) \text{ for each } \xi \in \Xi. \quad (14)$$

Proof. By (ii) the set $I(K)$ is bounded; thus, the closure $\overline{I(K)}$ of $I(K)$ is a compact subset of E^n . Let us fix $\xi \in \Xi$ and let $p = e(\overline{I(K)}, \xi)$. By Lemma 4 there is $v \in K$ such that $p \leq_\xi I(v)$. But $I(v) \in I(K)$ implies by the definition of p that $I(v) \leq_\xi p$. Hence $I(v) = p$ and $p \in I(K)$. Let now $u \in K$ be arbitrary and $w = \text{lex}_\xi \sup\{u, v\}$. We have $u \leq_\xi w$, $v \leq_\xi w$ and $p = I(v) \leq_\xi I(w) \leq_\xi p$. Therefore by Proposition 2, $v = w$. Hence $u \leq_\xi v$ for each $u \in K$. This means $v = e(K, \xi)$ and (14) is manifestly satisfied.

THEOREM 2. The set $D = \{x = I(e(K, \xi)) : \xi \in \Xi\} = I(E(K))$ is the profile \bar{B} of the convex hull B of $\overline{I(K)}$.

Proof. By (14), $D = \{x : x = e(\overline{I(K)}, \xi), \xi \in \Xi\}$, and Proposition

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from such on a set of measure zero). Also if we knew that the number of discontinuities of $e(K, \xi)$ is finite and bounded for $\xi \in \Xi$, then by Theorem 4 there is a subset K_* of K composed of piecewise continuous and piecewise extremal functions such that $I(K_*) = I(K)$ and the number of discontinuities of u is finite and bounded if $u \in K_*$. This is the case if A in (S) is constant and $f(t, u) = B(t)u$, where the entries of B are piecewise analytical and U is a compact polyhedron (cf. (1), (3)). This is also the case when G is a continuous set-valued function in the sense of Hausdorff with values being strictly convex and compact subsets of E , since in this case $e(G(t), \xi)$ is continuous in t for each $\xi \in \Xi$. Note that because of strict convexity of $G(t)$, $e(G(t), \xi)$ is uniquely determined by the first vector of ξ .

Theorem 5, under essentially the same assumptions has been obtained by Neustadt (4). Note that as in (4) we did not make any convexity assumption concerning K .

Theorem 6 has some implications concerning the uniqueness of time optimal solutions of the system (S). For details, we refer the reader to (5).

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4 implies Theorem 2.

Notice that both Theorems 1 and 2 hold if J is replaced by $[0, t]$, $0 < t \leq 1$ and I by I_t . Thus if we denote by $B(t)$ the convex hull of $I_t(K)$, then by Theorem 2 we have the equality $\tilde{B}(t) = I_t(E(K))$.

THEOREM 3. The set valued function on J taking $t \rightarrow B(t)$, the convex hull of $I_t(K)$, is continuous in the Hausdorff sense; that is

$$\max_{a \in B(t), b \in B(s)} (r(a, B(s)), r(b, B(t))) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |s-t| \rightarrow 0 \quad (15)$$

where $r(\cdot, \cdot)$ stands for the distance of a point from a set in E .

Proof. Let B, C be two compact convex subsets of E^n . There are $b \in B$ and $c \in C$ such that $|b-c| = r(c, B) = \max_{x \in B} r(x, B)$. Note that if C were an interval, then c can be assumed to be one of the ends of C . This remark shows that in the general case c can be assumed to be an extreme point of C and that there is a $\xi \in \Xi$ such that $c = e(C, \xi)$. But obviously, $r(c, B) \leq |x-c|$ for each $x \in B$. In particular, we have the inequality $|b-c| \leq |e(B, \xi) - e(C, \xi)|$ for a $\xi \in \Xi$. Therefore the distance in (18) can be estimated by $|e(B(t), \xi) - e(B(s), \xi)| \leq \int_t^s |e(K, \xi)(t)| dt$ for the same $\xi \in \Xi$ and Corollary 2 completes the proof.

THEOREM 4 For each $b \in B$, the convex hull of $\overline{I(K)}$, there are two sequences $\xi^1, \dots, \xi^k \in \Xi$ and $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k = 1$ such that if we put

$$u(t) = e(K, \xi^i)(t) \text{ for } t_{i-1} \leq t < t_i, i=1, \dots, k, \quad (16)$$

then $k \leq n+1$ and

$$b = I(u). \quad (17)$$

Proof. The proof will be by induction with respect to n . Thus suppose first that $n=1$. In this case Ξ consists of two elements and by Theorem 1 so does $E(K)$. That is, there are $\phi, \psi \in K$ such that $\phi \leq u \leq \psi$ for each $u \in K$. The set B is the interval $[I(\phi), I(\psi)]$. Consider the function

$$\lambda(t) = \int_0^t \psi(t) dt + \int_t^1 \phi(t) dt. \quad (18)$$

Manifestly λ is continuous and maps J onto $[I(\phi), I(\psi)]$

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Thus for each $b \in B$, there is a $t_1 \in J$ such that $\lambda(t_1) = b$. Setting $u(t) = \psi(t)$ if $0 \leq t < t_1$ and $u(t) = \varphi(t)$ if $t_1 \leq t \leq 1$ we see that u is of the form (16) and (17) holds.

Suppose now that n is arbitrary and assume that Theorem 4 holds for $n-1$. Let $b \in B$ and take an arbitrary $\bar{\xi} \in \Xi$. Consider the function

$$x(t) = b - \int_t^1 e(K, \bar{\xi})(\tau) d\tau \quad (19)$$

Since both $x(t)$ and $B(t)$ are continuous, there is a $T \in J$ such that $x(T)$ belongs to the boundary of $B(T)$ and if $T < 1$ then $x(t) \in \inf B(t)$ for $T < t \leq 1$. Since $B(T)$ is convex and compact there is an $a \in E^n$, $|a| = 1$ such that

$$\alpha = (x(T), a) = \max (x, a) \text{ for } x \in B(T). \quad (20)$$

Let $\Xi_a = \{\xi \in \Xi: \xi = (x^1, \dots, x^n), x^1 = a\}$. Put $B_a = B(T) \cap \{x: (x, a) = \alpha\}$ and $A = I_T(K) \cap \{x: (x, a) = \alpha\}$. It is easy to see that B_a is compact and convex, the profile \bar{B}_a of B_a is equal to $\{I(e(K, \xi)): \xi \in \Xi_a\} \subset A$. Thus A is not empty and B_a is equal to the convex hull of \bar{A} as well as of A .

It follows from Proposition 3 that $I_T(u) \in A$, where $u \in K$, if and only if $(u(t), a) = \psi(t)$ a.e. in $[0, T]$, where ψ has the property that for each $u \in K$ $(u(t), a) \leq \psi(t)$ a.e. in J . Therefore A can be considered as $I_T(K_a)$ where $K_a = \{u \in K: (u(t), a) = \psi(t) \text{ a.e. in } J\}$ and ψ is uniquely defined by K and a . Since each $u \in K_a$ can be uniquely decomposed into the sum $v + a\psi$, where v is a function of J into E_1 and E_1 is the $n-1$ dimensional subspace perpendicular to a , the set K_a can be considered as a class of functions of J into $n-1$ dimensional Euclidean space. Obviously, K_a satisfies conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) and by our assumption we can apply Theorem 4 to K_a . Hence there is a $u \in K_a$ such that $u(t) = e(K_a, \xi^i) = e(K, \xi^i)(t)$ if $t_{i-1} \leq t < t_i$, $\xi^i \in \Xi_a$, $i = 1, \dots, k-1$, $t_0 = 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{k-1} = T$ and such that

$$I_T(u) = x(T) \quad (21)$$

Setting $u(t) = e(K, \bar{\xi})(t)$ if $t_{k-1} = T \leq t \leq 1 = t_k$ (thus putting $\xi^k = \bar{\xi}$) we see that u is of the form (16) and (19) and (21) implies (17). Manifestly $k \leq n+1$ since

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$k-1 \leq n$.

CONCLUDING RESULTS. In this section we state three immediate consequences of the preceding theorems.

THEOREM 5. If K satisfies (i), (ii) and (iii) then $I(K)$ is convex and compact.

Proof. By (iii) any function of the form (16) belongs to K ; thus Theorem 5 follows from Theorems 2 and 4.

If $u \in K$ is an extremal element of I (or $I(u)$ is an extreme point of $I(K)$) then the following implication holds (compare Proposition 1 and Theorem 2):

$$\text{if } v \in K \text{ and } I(v) = I(u) \text{ then } v = u \quad (22)$$

On the other hand one can see from the proof of Theorem 4 that if $b \in I(K)$ is not an extreme point of $I(K)$ then there are at least two different $u, v \in K$ such that $I(u) = I(v) = b$. Therefore we have

THEOREM 6. If K satisfies (i), (ii) and (iii) and $u \in K$ then u is an extremal element of K if and only if the implication (22) holds for u .

Let K_0 denote the class we obtained by closing $E(K)$ with respect to property (iii). Elements of K_0 may be referred to as piecewise extremal elements of K .

THEOREM 7. If $K_1 \subset K$ satisfies (iii) and $I(K_1) = I(K)$, then $K_0 \subset K_1$.

Proof. By Theorem 6, K_1 must contain $E(K)$. The definition of K_0 and K_1 satisfying (iii) imply $K_1 \supset K_0$.

Theorem 7 says that K_0 is the smallest subclass of K satisfying (iii) and having the same range of integrals as K .

Let us observe that if $K = \{u \in M: u(t) \in G(t) \text{ a.e. in } J\}$ and G is a measurable set-valued function with values being compact subsets of E then $e(K, \xi)(t) = e(G(t), \xi)$ (cf. (6)). So in that case the extremal elements of K can be computed if one knows G .

Under some more restrictive assumptions LaSalle (2), Halkin (1) and Levinson (3) proved that the "bang-bang" controls (elements of K_0 in our case) can be chosen to be piecewise constant or piecewise continuous. From Theorem 7 it follows that this can be the case if and only if each extremal element of K is piecewise continuous (or differs